COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF HENDRON WATER DISTRICT TO)
PROVIDE FREE WATER SERVICE TO THE) CASE NO. 2004-00261
DREAM FACTORY)

ORDER

Hendron Water District has applied, pursuant to KRS 278.170(2), for Commission approval to provide free water service to The Dream Factory, Inc.¹ to fill a swimming pool for a 3-year old child who has a chronic illness. Hendron District estimates that total volume of water donated will be approximately 13,500 gallons. Based upon Hendron District's existing rate schedule, a customer would normally be charge \$46.41 for this volume.

KRS 278.170(2) provides:

Any utility may grant free or reduced rate service to its officers, agents, or employees, and may exchange free or reduced rate service with other utilities for the benefit of the officers, agents, and employees of both utilities. Any utility may grant free or reduced rate service to the United States, to charitable and eleemosynary institutions, and to persons engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work, and may grant free or reduced rate service for the purpose of providing relief in case of flood, epidemic, pestilence, or other calamity.

The Dream Factory, Inc. is a non-profit Kentucky corporation whose purpose is to grant "the dreams of children with life-threatening illnesses." <u>See http://www.dreamfactoryinc.com/About/about.html</u> (last visited June 29, 2004).

Having reviewed the application, the Commission finds that the proposed free service will be provided to persons engaged in charitable work and is permissible under the provisions of KRS 278.170(2).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Hendron District is authorized to provide free water service to The Dream Factory, Inc. under the terms stated in its application.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of July, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director